

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

Yes, this will prevent my legitimate copying for personal use.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices? This would limit my ability to send content to different devices, and would only allow me to send to devices approved/and or subsidized by my carrier/provider.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

The Broadcast flag will limit my use of existing electronic equipment, because providers will bring out new features and functions only available if you have the broadcast flag standard. These devices may or may not be available for public provisioning, and may be only available as a lease from the provider.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

The broadcast flag will limit and focus development of future equipment for broadcast. It will be limited to a targeted few manufacturer's that have ties to the media providers such as Microsoft, AOL, and Disney.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

Most of my consumer electronics equipment will probably have to be upgraded at a cost of about \$3500 for my household.

Other Comments:

There are multiple other proposals from the artists themselves that do not require this drakkonian restrictions on our personal use. Do not listen to just the record labels, because all they are interested in is continuing the status quo. They are at risk of having to redesign their business models, and are trying to impede development of the digital media industry to protect their profits. Profits that should rightfully belong to those advancing the music and entertainment industries. The Tobacco Companies, Enron, Worldcom and Microsoft have proven that private corporations do not have the interest of the United States and it's citizens as it's primary concern. Please do not allow this legislation that will without doubt severely restrict control over a broad range of industries just to satisfy a few large corporations. Once these laws are in place restoring the freedoms that we hold now will be near impossible. When these freedoms are gone , and the voters are at the mercy of a few large Monopolies, remember that corporations don't vote, people do.